

Boston. March 8. 1839.

Dear Deborah, I am still here you see, & being here, of course feel solemnly obliged to tell you the news; otherwise I might not get the time, for every minute is taken up. I think I wrote you last or Friday. Most afternoon Jas Davis called & Edwin Thorp for most of the afternoon. He is tolerably true, the difference is he is too apt to be blown about. We spent the afternoon at Channing W. Saturday. Caroline in town as usual. Miss Weston called & told us many awful stories about the South. Maria & I spent most of the day in describing ~~protests~~, writing ~~listened to~~ them as circumstances seemed to admit. We have written to many people (women) & walls the female Society. Just as night Mrs Southwick called to say that she had been at a Board meeting where the Miss Johnson laboured very hard to have a Dr. effects appointed the next week. Mrs Taylor & Mrs Davis voted with vote, the Bells, C. Duerrow & Mr Parker went against it on the most frivolous pretexts. Mrs Parker ~~had~~ among other things, that she believed Mrs Chapman wished to submit a letter to Mr Clay to the Society, for their adoption. and submit Mr Parker said "They had a very good secretary who was fully competent to attend to all her duties without any body's help." That is one thing that troubles them I suppose but the difficulty is that they as well as we know why we want to hold a meeting will do with the Mass. Mrs Southwick was so glad & invited by their convert, she could hardly keep her promise. Warren called in the evening to say he would carry Caroline & Lucy with him the next day as Mr Taylor had given \$20 to him in order to carry go to New Haven, but as the next day was stormy they did not go. I did not go to meet him in the morning, but in the afternoon I went to the Free Dispensary & heard Mr Andrews who presided a most excellent sermon. Phelps was there looking misery. He admitted they condemned & as several people were admitted to the church, he was obliged to read the confession of faith which say "at death, & before you will be made perfect." The if is put instead of and, as it was before. Monday morning, I rose with the lark, & according to a previous arrangement was out scouring the town the whole forenoon to get signatures to a request to the Board that they would call a meeting. As Maria & I were running all day we got 45 signatures, though Mrs D. G. living

was out when we went there and the 2 Southwicks were out of town & we had no chance to send to the Philibrooks. The request which was headed by Maria was sent up with a polite request to Miss Parker to bring it before the Board so that the meeting could be held next Saturday. It was signed by the Sargent's, Newells, Manns, Lourdes, Ann Derry & in short the strength of the cause in the Soc. Mrs Johnson says that the Preses has been on her feet ever since the notice came; but she has called a Board meeting for Saturday. Still there is no probability that they will allow a meeting to be held, tho' the oleient part of the Board are going to do all they can. We trust this will seal Mary Parker's fate as all who know aught about it brethren & all, are highly indignant. During the day that I was out for signatures I called at A. Horne's & got her name. She is a peeler of course, but was not ill and was very well and appeared happy. I called at the Sargent's & agreed to go there & stay a few days. Hildreth is better, has got down stairs; so Mrs Cudsom & Mrs Henrietta. Mr Cudsom, the sweet creature, spent Monday evening with us. He was so sorry when he found you was in N.B. that he had not seen you. If he had only known you were there he would have seen you without fail. He is "as hot as ginger & as stevie as steel." Maria thinks that if the State is saved he will save it. Tuesday Mrs Louis called to sign the petition but as it was gone she could not. I worked on my mouseline & as Maria & Mr Chapman helped me, I got it done in time to go to Henrietta's to tea. The Townsends took tea there. Mary was altogether obtuse some when Dr Bartlett's name was mentioned. Elsie is a true of the last century; but is very agreeable & quoted E. Soc for several times. The next day Henrietta & I called at Mr Dixwell's to see John James' dep. You must know Mrs Richard Derby goes a great many walks & it has convulsed the whole city. John James goes on a Boat & his dep was very splendid indeed. I did not know even see the conqueror b/w. I had a line or two from Maria which as I called at Maria's on my way to Mrs John Parker's where I had been invited to take tea, I had an opportunity of answering. Maria said they were all well, but Uncle Harry did not write, being rather low & poorly. At Mrs Parker's beside N. & I were Helen Davis, Martha Parker a child about 12 of very

remarkable musical abilities. She is not one of the elite but is
valued about a great deal, because of her talents. After tea a
goodly number, consisting of the Tickers, Grays, Shimmins, Parkers
& others. I passed quite a pleasant evening as Helen Davis sang
most beautifully. I was made acquainted with John James but
was not particularly struck. While on this point let me tell you
of Epes' engagement to Mary Bowditch. I only heard it to day &
have not seen his aunts pipe so cannot tell how they take it.
Monday. Henrietta & I called at the A. S. Office & at Maria's. At
this I learned that a meeting of the N. R. Board was to be held
at Maria's that night. Collins was making a call at Maria's
and I understood he passed the evening before there. We
are all carried away with him, even thinking we could walk
through life by his side. After tea I took my farewell of the
Sargent's & came to meet it where I found Collins & himself
taking tea. In the evening the whole party came, W. C. Wright
Johnson & his wife, W. Boyce, Whipple, Mrs Southwick, Garrison, Collins
Caroline & Henry. We had a most agreeable time. W. C. Wright
gave a most amusing account of his union with his associates
which has resulted in his dismission from it though they have
nothing to say as to his Christian character, that is not this again
it or even the doctrines (mean ing the N. R. ones) that he holds. He was
very faithful to them, but as he is about to give an account
of the whole some time or other, I will enter into no particulars. Oliver
Johnson has renounced his church, & did it very well too. This morning
early Bro Collins called & then Henry C. Collins is the delight of our
eyes as you may well think when I come to the end. Mrs Southwick
called to day after dinner to tell us that Mr. Parker has gone away
& is getting off names off the register. She has succeeded, so Mrs S. heard
in getting 12 away. Maria & I went to Mrs John Jay's to a meeting
of the Seaman's End Soc. It was quite a stupid concern. Mary Robbins
called, all of a bonnie at the conclusion of the Board. A Board meeting
of the N. R. was held this afternoon & Collins was appointed General
Agent. He came home with Henry & took tea & spent the evening &
after a great struggle apparently, in his own mind, he resolved to
undertake the matter. He told us frankly that his wife was
dreadful, had no sympathy with his views & that his taking this agency
would be a great trial to her. Then too he evidently went with what

when he thought what the Faculty would say, & all his friends would be horrified. But he put it off on one side & accepted the matter. We all are in love with him every woman thinks this a finger of Providence. Never could be a finer person. He is a charming creature. I think I shall go to Newmont ton or two but am not sure. Jones of Roxbury is appointed & Whiting (Bro. May's man, Truth Teller) is absent, the ship begins to right. Also a little paper from the Liberator office is to be paid out for 50cts. A meeting of the Mass is to be called for the 26th of this month to settle for the whole sum. Great efforts will be

made in Boston to invite him at a salary
At 11 A.M. on the 26th in the
afternoon. Write to me when you see
this if you have not written to him
yet. Don't be in a hurry. I will write
to you every night for I find it all
more in good time to invite him at a salary

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made to have it a full meeting. How can you manage? Can't you come for a day or two. - Saturday morning S. Baker has just been here in great trouble about the Dorchester petition. Miss Thayer has attacked them root & branch and some of the women are flinging. But I have some from 154.9.2.1153
hope we may have a meeting now. Mary Davis has been with Lavinia Otis to see the Bales about the meeting and then they came here. - I gave Lavinia my mind which opened her very much. - I have just run out to take little & to walk & have met Charles. He almost devoured me I thought he must have taken me for good. He is